

CODHHE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 19, 2013
4:00 PM – Delaware School for the Deaf
Newark, Delaware

PRESENT: Loretta Sarro, Chair/DODHH; Peg Stewart, Treasurer; Josh Weinstein; Terry Whitham, DSHS-911 Administrator; Christy Hennessey, IRI; Kyle Hodges, Staff.

GUEST: Lindsay Nortman

INTERPRETERS

Pamela D'Occhio and Rita Jo Scarcella

CALL TO ORDER

Loretta called the meeting to order at 4:08 pm. Everyone introduced themselves.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

- June Meeting

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 20, 2012 MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the January 15, 2013 minutes as submitted, with no one opposing.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Peg distributed two Treasurer's Reports for approval for following months, including ending balances: January 31, 2013 - \$8,953.22 and February 28, 2013 - \$8,953.48. Peg explained the .38 crossed out on the January Report was put in the incorrect cell. Motion was made and seconded to approve the Reports, with no one opposing. Loretta asked about the \$.10 paid to the IRS. Peg explained that it is required tax that is being paid.

BUSINESS

2013 CODHHE Summer Camp Scholarship Applicants

The camp scholarship applications, including one DVD, were reviewed. Kyle stated he had checked with the mentor/parent to see if any of the students had been accepted to their chosen camp; several did not know their status, one had been accepted and one had not been accepted. Voting Results (Christy Hennessey provided her vote on paper before having to leave): Ashley – 3; Shamari – 2. Ashley Pabon was selected to receive the CODHHE Camp Scholarship. Lois suggested having the student briefly present about their camp experience at a meeting.

June Meeting Date

Kyle explained that DSD is closed in June during the evening. Options to consider would be to meet at another location, meet at another time or not meet at all. Loretta suggested having a meeting in May to go over any outstanding agenda items and break until September. Members will decide if they want to schedule to meet every other month throughout the year. Kyle will contact Peg about arranging to have food at the May 21st meeting.

DETRS Advisory Committee and Captel

Loretta stated that she attended a meeting on March 11. The contract was signed and transferred from Verizon to the State. The addition of Captel is still being finalized. The collection of the surcharges has begun and the fund is being developed. The fund is managed by DVR. Meetings have been scheduled for April and May. Kyle asked if any applications have been received for Captel service. Loretta explained that the applications have not been distributed and are waiting for approval of Captel. An announcement will be made once this is finalized. There has to be an official proposal that includes rates, etc. Terry added that this will be accomplished with GSS (Government Support Services). Kyle explained the background of Captel and video-relay to Lindsay.

DE DOE's Final Regulation—1574 Teacher of Students Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

This was tabled. Kyle referred to a handout for updated information.

DHSS's DSS Final Regulation – Interpreter & Translation Services

This was tabled. Kyle referred to a handout for updated information. Loretta commented about §1010 – 1. “Individuals with Hearing Impairments” saying that it should say “Individuals with Hearing Loss”. Kyle added that the regulations are final and they are technically using People First language, although the exact terminology referring to “hearing impairment” is not correct. Kyle will send an email requesting when amending these regulations in the future, the word “Loss” should be used instead of “Impairments”.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:41 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 21, 2013 at 4:00 pm at the Delaware School for the Deaf (Room 332).

Respectively submitted,

Jo Singles
Administrative Specialist